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Dear Dr. Canada:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the peer review process organized by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has been completed and that you are among those recommended for a Fulbright Lecturing/Research award in Madagascar for the 2009-10 academic year. Please know that this peer review process constitutes only the first phase of the rigorous review process Fulbright applicants undergo. Your papers have now been forwarded to the Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo for further consideration before they are returned to the U.S. for final review by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. This rigorous review process assures that host institutions abroad can welcome to their campuses the most meritorious applicants.

The steps of the review process are explained in more detail in the enclosure. Given the multi-phased review process, it is important that you do not take any irreversible action based upon the expectation of an award. Unfortunately, the number of meritorious applicants routinely exceeds the number of available grants. The next phase of the review process normally requires several months, and you will be notified by mail about the eventual outcome of your candidacy.

In the meantime, please inform CIES immediately, should your plans change or should you find yourself unable to accept a Fulbright award. Should you have any questions regarding the status of your application during the review process, please contact Debra Egan, Assistant Director, Africa, at 202-686-6230, or per e-mail at degan@cies.iie.org.

A necessary step in the Fulbright selection process is medical clearance. If you are selected for a Fulbright award, CIES will send to you the necessary medical report forms and related information. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Debra Egan if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of CIES, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on having successfully completed the first stage of the Fulbright review process. Thank you for your interest in the Fulbright Program and in its important mission and best wishes for you and your work.

Sincerely,

Sabine O'Hara
Executive Director, CIES
Vice President, IIE